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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
4,338,943	7/16/1982	Okamoto et al.
5,681,344	10/28/1997	Kelly
5,779,731	7/14/1998	Leavitt
5,797,868	8/25/1998	Leone
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FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS

1. International Search Report corresponding to PCT/US03/15593, filed on September 3, 2003.

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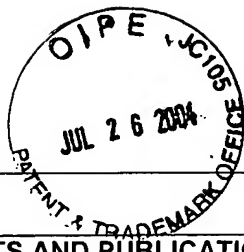
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Respectfully submitted,



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